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1. FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL IN SALONGO FEBRUARY 10 ENTITLED "TIME TO

CHOOSE" SAYS MOMENT HAS ARRIVED FOR ORGAN OF EXECUTION OF MPR TO MAKE CLEAR DECISION BETWEEN FRIENDS AND ENEMIES, TO UNMASK FOES OF REVOLUTION. CHOICE NECESSITATED BY ALLEGED RECEPTION ACCORDED GIZENGA DURING FEB 8 VISIT TO PRAGUE DURING WHICH HE RECEIVED WITH ALL POMP AND HONORS DUE AN OFFICIAL. SUCH A GREETING TO ZAIRE'S DECLARED PUBLIC ENEMY, A SOWER OF CHAOS AND ANARCHY IS AN INTOLERABLE ACT. THROUGH ITS CZECH STOOGES, MOSCOW HAS "SPIT" UPON ELEMENTARY RULES OF INTERNATIONAL CONDUCT AND EXPOSED TRUE SELF. MPR CANNOT LET PASS THIS INSULT TO ZAIRE. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MUST TAKE FIRM POSITION. TIME HAS ARRIVED FOR ZAIRE'S RELATIONS WITH HYPOCRITICAL, HOSTILE COUNTRIES TO BE MADE CRYSTAL-CLEAR.

2. COMMENT: FOLLOWING MOBUTU'S LEAD, ZAIRIAN OFFICIALS AND MEDIA HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN CEASELESS BARRAGE MF ATTACKS AGAINST GIZENGA AND PUTATIVE SOVIET SPONSORS FOR PAST SEVERAL WEEKS (SEE REFTEL B). EDITORIAL IS FURTHER INDICATION OF GROWING GOZ CONCERN OVER POTENTIAL THREAT TO INTERNAL SECURITY POSED BY GIZENGA. RUMORS ABOUND OVER POSSIBILITY HIS FORMING ALLIANCE WITH PRP IN EAST OR CAPITALIZING ON POSSIBLE MPLA VICTORY. APPARENT SOVIET SUPPORT OF GIZENGA WILL HEIGHTEN GOZ SUSPICIONS OF THEIR MOTIVES.

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